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Please see Sen. Baldwin's inquiry below re: the Back Forty Mine in Michigan. As it happens, Ken, Krista McKim and I were just finishing up the PolyMet call hosted Rep. Nolan when I received this message.

Ken offered to draft a response and provide me the four comment letters, which include state contacts, to share with the Senator's staffer. Ken, please copy all on your reply to me.

(FYI Eileen – the mine is near the Menominee River bordering Michigan and Wisconsin, so you may be hearing from the MI delegation, too.)

Thanks,
Denise

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Denise and all,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. ☺

Attached is a constituent's concerns regarding the Back Forty Gold Mine in MI. A couple quick questions:

- 1) What, if any, role does EPA play in this permitting process (is there any sign-off at all needed by EPA on this permitting or otherwise)?
- 2) How may concerned constituents object to permitting via EPA (and also MI DEQ / DNR, if you happen to know – or if you can provide contacts for relevant folks in those agencies, that would be great)?

Thank you very much,
Mike

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